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Review of the Statute of the Administrative Tribunal of the United Nations

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Review of the Statute of the Administrative Tribunal of the United Nations" was included in the agenda of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly in accordance with Assembly resolution 52/166 of 15 December 1997.

2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 15 September 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 24th, 26th and 31st meetings, on 10, 11 and 16 November 1998. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.6/53/SR.24, 26 and 31).

II. Consideration of draft decision A/C.6/53/L.10

4. At the 26th meeting, on 11 November, the representative of the *United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland* introduced a draft decision entitled "Review of the statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal" (A/C.6/53/L.10). Subsequently, *France* joined in sponsoring the draft decision.

5. At its 31st meeting, on 16 November, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.6/53/L.10 without a vote (see para. 6).

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III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

6. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Review of the statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal

The General Assembly, recalling its resolution 52/166 of 15 December 1997, desiring to review the provisions of the statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal, mindful of the comments made by States in this regard at its fifty-third session, decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Review of the statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal".